THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE KUFFAR AND THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

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MAY GOD'S PEACE, MERCY AND BLESSINGS BE UPON YOU. FURTHER,

QUESTION: PLEASE ELABORATE ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE KAFIR AND THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK, WITH THE FOREKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK ARE THE JEWS AND CHRISTIANS, AND THAT THEY ARE KUFFAR, SO WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO?

AND MAY ALLAH REWARD YOU WITH GOOD ON OUR BEHALF.

ANSWER: ALL OF THEM ARE KUFFAR, AND THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK FROM THE JEWS AND CHRISTIANS ARE KUFFAR, AND THEY SHARE THIS DESIGNATION WITH OTHER THAN THEM, AND THEY DIFFER WITH THEM IN TWO MATTERS:

THE FIRST: THAT WITH THEM IS A HEAVENLY BOOK WHICH CONTAINS DISTORTION THAT THEY HAVE ATTRIBUTED TO IT.

THE SECOND: THAT THE MUSLIM IS ALLOWED TO EAT FROM THE SLAUGHTER OF THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS AND MARRY FROM THE JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN WOMEN, AND THIS IS NOT PERMITTED WITH THE REST OF THE KUFFAR.

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